

GREEN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES MONDAY, July 12, 2021 6:00 pm *VIRTUAL MEETING*

Members Present: Eric Hudson, Dennis Loria, Mary Smith, Cameren Cousins

Associate Members present: Erik Larson, Peter Berry

Select Board Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant **Sustainability Director:** Andrea Becerra

Visitor: Debra Simes, Melissa Anderson, Katrina Sousounis, Sophie Picard

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:02PM via a virtual meeting with no Board Members in physical attendance and joining via Zoom.us virtual meeting platform. Mr. Hudson reported The Town of Acton in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus) is currently following the guidance from the Acton Board of Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC regarding the virus and steps communities can take to prevent the spread.

Mr. Hudson called roll attendance:

Mr. Hudson - present

Ms. Cousins - present

Ms. Smith - present

Mr. Loria – present

I. Business: New Contract with Abode

Review of and discussion of 6-month test contract with Abode presented by Ms. Becerra. Fielded questions about heat pump incentives from GAB members.

II. Mass Energize Page

Inquiries into the state of the Mass energize page were made. Soft rollout will be happening in the fall.

III. Town Meeting Update

Overview of Articles 13 and 14, voted for at Town Meeting. Other articles mentioned: enabling solar credits through Syncarpha contract & Boston Area Gleaners new contract with Stonefield Farm.

IV. Climate Action Plan Updates



Visioning workshop was summarized by Ms. Becerra, who also notified of upcoming thematic workshops on three topics: nature-based solutions, buildings and energy, and transportation which will each meet three to four times.

V. MassCEC Grant Discussion

Ms. Becerra updated the board on three potential grant opportunities the Sustainability department and interns are looking into having to do with transportation. GAB members were interested in pursuing these grants.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Hudson makes a motion to close meeting

Mr. Hudson make a motion to close the meeting at 7:11

Mr. Loria seconds

Ms. Cousins – Aye

Ms. Smith - Aye

Mr. Hudson – Aye